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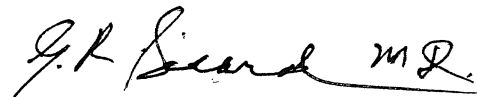
Dear Chairman Brinkman and Members of the Commerce and Labor Committee:

I AM A DERMATOLOGIST PRACTICING IN CANTON, OHIO AND I AM AFFILIATED WITH AULTMAN HOSPITAL, MERCY MEDICAL CENTER AND AFFINITY HOSPITAL IN STARK COUNTY. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF TANNING PARLOR ULTRAVIOLET RAYS TO THOSE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE BY VOTING FOR H.B. #230.

THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF SKIN CANCERS INCLUDING LIFE THREATENING MALIGNANT MELANOMA IN MY YOUNGER PATIENTS AS WELL AS MY OLDER PATIENTS. I HAVE REMOVED 39 MALIGNANT MELANOMA'S IN 2005, 37 MALIGNANT MELANOMA'S IN 2006 AND SO FAR THIS YEAR OF 2007 I HAVE HAD 20 CASES. MANY OF THEM HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE EXPOSURE TO TANNING BEDS SINCE THEIR EARLY TEEN YEARS, AND THIS MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THEIR SKIN CANCERS. YES, THERE IS A VERY INCREASED NUMBER OF VERY SERIOUS SKIN CANCERS.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PROHIBITION OF TANNING BED USE TO THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IN THE STATE OF OHIO BY VOTING FOR H.B. #230. THIS REGULATION IS SUPPORTED BY THE OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND VIRTUALLY ALL MEDICAL SOCIETIES, PHYSICIANS AND ADULTS.

SINCERELY,



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